

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 39 have been examined. Claims 23 – 26 and 31 – 35 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1, 4, 8, 14, 15, 19, 24, 29, and 30 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,751,415 (“Fabiny”); Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 15, 27 – 29, and 33 – 36 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1, 8 – 10, 14, 15, 19, 24, and 29 – 31 of Fabiny in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,396,575 (“Holland”); Claims 16 – 22, 31, 32, 38, and 39 stand allowed; and Claims 7, 30, and 37 have been identified as allowable except for their dependence from a rejected base claim.


A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith, disclaiming any term that would extend beyond the term of Fabiny. Since all of the claims have either been identified as allowable or stand rejected only under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Fabiny, it is believed that the rejections are obviated by filing of the terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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